

THE WOOLDRIDGE AND FORBES CASE

Comes Up in the Prince Edward Court for Trial.

A POSTPONEMENT SECURED

Change of Venue by Consent of Prisoner's Counsel—The Jail in Fearfully Unsanitary Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., November 21.—E. C. Wooldridge and Charlie Forbes, the Buckingham prisoners, charged with burning the residence and outhouses on the premises of the late John Forbes, one night during the month of March last, and whose cases were removed to Prince Edward county for trial, were brought to Farmville last night by the sheriff of Buckingham for the purpose of trying them at the term of court which opened here to-day.

Mr. Flood, of counsel for the defense, moved shortly after the two prisoners were ushered into the court room for a continuance until the March term. This was opposed by the lawyers for the Commonwealth, who stated that they were ready to enter upon either the trial of Wooldridge or Forbes. Judge Hundley overruled the motion for a continuance, saying that while he was disposed to do what he could for the convenience of the attorneys on both sides, a sense of duty compelled him to give the prisoners in this case as speedy trial as possible.

It was then suggested by the Commonwealth's side that should the defense ask for a special term for the hearing of the Wooldridge case, and the time set on an early date in January, no objection would be made, but that the continuance should go upon record as being allowed on motion made by the prisoner's counsel. This was accepted by both Mr. Flood and Judge Crute, counsel for Wooldridge, and after consulting the calendar, January 2d was decided upon for the special term.

Judge Crute thought that an injustice had been done by the court in the case of the recent newspaper correspondence, which had made it appear that Judge Hundley had arbitrarily and without the request or consent of the prisoners, removed these cases to Prince Edward. He stated to the court that he had intended correcting this through The Times-Dispatch, but had neglected doing so, hence he would make the statement publicly that it was with the knowledge and consent of his client that the change of venue was granted.

Mr. Flood said that owing to the fact that such an impression had been made upon the public mind, he would say that before asking for a change of venue he had consulted his client (Wooldridge), and that it was at that time the prisoner's expressed wish that his case be removed. All the lawyers in the two cases are in court to-day except Mr. Lee, of Lynchburg, who is one of the defense in the case against Forbes. Both prisoners look remarkably well after so long a confinement, and especially is this true of Forbes, despite his recent illness from typhoid fever.

Wooldridge was accompanied in court to-day by his two daughters, both grown and comely. They sat by their father with saddened countenances, and only left him when the sheriff and his deputy led him and Forbes out of the court room for the jail, to remain until the recess hour was over.

Owing to the present unsanitary condition of the Prince Edward jail, Judge Hundley has committed the case to Mr. Flood, Colonel Hubbard and Mr. J. L. Hart examine the same, and on their report he ordered that the two prisoners be taken back to Buckingham county to be kept there until their day of trial in January.

To-day Mr. Hubbard was present to represent the Commonwealth. He had greatly improved from his recent operation made upon him in Richmond. He is assisted by Mr. Strode, of Lynchburg.

Wooldridge and Forbes, the Buckingham prisoners, whose trials are today set for a special term in January started out for Buckingham jail late this evening in the custody of two officers or that county.

In Interest of the Jews.
The "Society for the Advancement of the Gospel of Circumcision" has appointed a meeting for special prayer and purification in recognition of the treatment of the Jews. It will be held at the Mission Tabernacle, No. 794 East Grace Street, to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

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ASSISTANT STATE LIBRARIAN.



MR. EDWARD STEPTOE EVANS.
Mr. Edward S. Evans, the newly appointed assistant State Librarian, is a native of Lynchburg, Va., and was until recently an attaché of the library of Congress at Washington, D. C. He is a graduate in law, having taken his degree at the Columbian University in Washington. Mr. Evans is also a graduate in library science, and is regarded as a highly capable man for the place.

He will take charge of the night work at the library, and will act as librarian whenever Mr. Kennedy is absent. Mr. Evans is now at work helping to rearrange the publications, and to place certain of them in the rooms recently occupied by the library of the Court of Appeals. Librarian Kennedy speaks in the highest terms of the qualifications of his new assistant.

With a trained librarian as his assistant, Mr. Kennedy purposes to make the State's literary treasures more useful to the people than ever before.

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CELEBRATION IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Commemorating the Semi-Centennial of the Second Church.

DR. BATTLE A VISITOR

Preaches at First Church in the Morning and Market Street Methodist at Night.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., November 21.—The Second Baptist Church began public services yesterday morning, commemorating semi-centennial. The Sunday school held a big rally, which was addressed by several former pastors. At the morning service Rev. Dr. A. J. Fritzsche, of Portsmouth, who was pastor at the time of the building of the present new church, preached, and at night the sermon was delivered by Rev. W. A. Pearson, of Lebanon.

The church has been beautifully and appropriately decorated by the ladies of the congregation, and at yesterday's services, a special musical programme was rendered.

The Sunday school and the Young Men's Society held joint services to-night, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. L. E. Barton, of Suffolk, and Rev. W. A. Pearson. Large congregations have attended all the services, and special interest is taken in the celebration arranged for Wednesday night, when the church will be dedicated free from debt and the mortgage burned.

Rev. Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Greensboro, N. C., preached yesterday morning at the First Baptist Church, of which he was pastor for many years. At night Dr. Battle addressed the congregation at the Market Street Methodist, Episcopal Church.

A large body of Pythians and crowds of other people witnessed the annual memorial services of Naomi and Eureka Lodges at West End Baptist Church last night. Rev. J. R. Doan preached the memorial sermon.

The members of the lodge marched to the church, escorted by the uniform rank in full dress uniform.

Judge Benjamin S. Leddon, of Marlana, Fla., chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, visited the battlefields near the city yesterday. Judge Leddon's father was killed at the battle of the Crater.

CHESTERFIELD COURT.

Garfield Cheatham Given Two Years for Felonious Shooting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTERFIELD, VA., November 21.—Garfield Cheatham was given two years by the Circuit Court to-day for shooting Bertie Owens with a pistol. Owens, who was indicted last Monday, was tried Saturday, and the jury failing to agree on a verdict, a new trial was given him. Both men are colored.

Henry Harris (colored) was tried Saturday for felonious assault upon Mr. John Turpin, a party well known by counsel and the court gave the man ten months in jail. Harris had been previously tried for the same offense before Justice Baker, who found the man guilty of misdemeanor. Not being satisfied with the justice's judgment, Mr. Turpin had the case brought before the grand jury, resulting in a severe punishment for his assault.

The complaints against Justice L. W. Cheatham on motion for removal from office will be heard by the court to-morrow, and decided without a jury.

A petit jury has been summoned for Wednesday to try the suit of Simonson Church E. Gates.

The suit of W. O. Watkins vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway, set for Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, has been postponed till Saturday.

FARMVILLE JAIL.

In a Shockingly Dirty and Unsanitary Condition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., November 21.—A commission, consisting of a Congressman, H. D. Foster, Commonwealth's Attorney, and J. L. Hart, secretary of the Virginia Press Association, investigated the jail at Farmville to-day, under a special commission from the Circuit Court and reported it to be shockingly dirty and unsanitary, ill-ventilated and infested with vermin. The matter was brought to the attention of Judge Hundley by the counsel of Forbes and Wooldridge, the alleged house-burners, who are in the jail pending their second trial. The attending physician, Dr. Robert Kersey, who has been in the jail since his appointment to report, forthwith.

Judge Hundley announced that he would

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Shot His Little Brother.

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FARMVILLE, VA., November 21.—While playing with a pistol at the dinner table to-day Howard Skinner shot and seriously wounded his little brother more than seven years of age. The pistol was a .32-calibre, and Skinner, who is about fifteen years old, declares that he did not think it was loaded. Howard Skinner was sitting not more than two or three feet from his brother when the pistol went off. The ball entered just below the right eye and lodged in the cheek bone, inflicting a wound, the result of which is not now definitely stated by the attending physician.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED

Rumored That Parents Had a Hand in Starting the Fire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARRENTON, VA., Nov. 21.—A fire broke out this morning in the East End of Warrenton, which for a time threatened the most attractive residential portion of Main Street. Originating in a negro settlement, the flames, from the alarming proportions by a brisk wind, soon leveled three houses and required the hardest work to hold it in check. Three negro children, whose mothers had locked them in a room together, were burned to death, two bodies being recovered. This afternoon it is rumored that the parents had a hand in starting the conflagration.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Music Pupil's Went Through Monthly Examination Creditably.

The monthly meeting, the first this season, of Miss Zelle Minor's piano class, was held Saturday morning at her studio, No. 11 South Adams Street. The pupils evinced so much interest that the several parts of the programme were carried through with much enthusiasm.

In the vocal work, questions on Rudiments and Theory, the best answers were given by Misses Beulah Anthony, Frankie Crane, Corinne Dickinson and Elizabeth Beveridge.

Then followed the contest in finger studies, in which the prizes were won by: Division I. Arpeggios.—Phoebe Cullingworth.

Division II. Running Studies.—Janie Simpson and Louise Yarrington.

Division III. Stretching Studies.—Linda Beveridge.

Division IV. Elemental.—Corinne Dickinson and Mary Johnson.

The musical programme, given with graceful style and expression, follows:

Duet Study.—Elizabeth and Linda Beveridge.

Fifth Nocturne (Leybach).—Phoebe Cullingworth.

Duet Study.—Corinne Dickinson.

Meditation (Morrison).—Beulah Anthony.

The Moll (Jensen).—Janie Simpson.

Idilio (Lack).—Louise Yarrington.

Next month some of Mozart's and Schumann's compositions will be played, and the pupils are required to select some point of interest from either biography, and present it to the class in the general discussion of these composers.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Switzerland Signs and Germany Will Do So To-day.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 21.—Secretary Hay and Mr. Probst, the Swiss chargé d'affaires, to-day signed an arbitration treaty on behalf of the United States and Switzerland. The treaty follows the lines of the American and French arbitration treaty.

The American-German arbitration treaty will be signed to-morrow at the State Department by Secretary Hay and Baron Sternberg.

Taft Off for Pensacola.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, November 21.—Secretary Taft and party sailed to-day on the cruiser Dolphin for Pensacola, where the secretary will board the cruiser, Comblair.

Both vessels will then sail for Panama. Secretary Taft was escorted to the wharf here by a delegation of prominent New Orleans men. The guns of the Dolphin saluted as the Secretary went up the ship's ladder.